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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1979 WORLD GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE  
RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC)

REF: STATE A-377

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT AIRGRAM FEBRUARY 4 AND 11 WITH MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL  
TECHNICAL (INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS) AFFAIRS. ACCORDING TO THESE OFF-  
ICIALS NO PLANNING OR PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY AT THIS TIME  
WITHIN THE MFA. HOWEVER SINCE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY  
ESPECIALLY FOR TECHNICAL MATTERS, WOULD REST WITH THE  
DIRECCION GENERAL DE CORREOS Y TELECOMUNICACIONES (DGCT). MINISTRY  
OF GOVERNMENT, MFA AGREED TO PASS ON INFORMATION WITH REGARD  
TO WARC AND DETERMINE WHETHER THIS AGENCY  
(OR OTHER SPANISH GOVERNMENT ENTITIES) HAS UNDERTAKEN ANY PREPARATIONS

FURTHER MFA AGREED INFORM OTHER AGENCIES ABOUT US PLAN FOR  
CONSULATIONS (PARA, IV, REPAIR) AND INQUIRE WHETHER VISIT BY US TEAM

IS DESIRED. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT VISIT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE EVEN  
IF DESIRED.

2. EMBASSY INQUIRED AGAIN MARCH 22 WITH MFA AND WAS INFORMED  
THAT NO RESPONSE HAD BEEN RECEIVED YET FROM DGCT OR OTHER  
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GOS AGENCIES. MFA WILL FOLLOWUP AND INFORM EMBASSY AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE AT WHICH TIME RESULTS WILL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF WAS INFORMED BY SPANISH ACQUAINTANCE WHO  
WORKS WITH RADIO TELEVISION SYSTEM THAT TECHNICIANS ARE OFTEN  
IN CONTACT WITH FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS ON SUCH MATTERS AS WARC EVEN  
BEFORE GOVERNMENT BECOMES INVOLVED. IF DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE

IDENTIFY OF ANY CONTACTS WHICH US TECHNICIANS HAVE IN SPAIN,  
EMBASSY COULD CONTACT THEM AND PERHAPS OBTAIN FULLER INFORMATION  
ON SPANISH ORGANIZATIONS AND PLANS.EATON

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